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## MILITANT WOMEN ACROSS THE POND

AMERICAN SHOPS PELED WITH COBBLE STONES.

Women Arrested Fail to Make Capital of Offenses—Some Choose Cells in Lieu of Fines.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Among the sufferers from the effects of the most recent outbreak of the militant suffragists were a number of American firms. The rock-throwing women smashed the large plate glass windows of an American drug store and boot shop on the Strand and hurled a stone through the front of a tailoring establishment on the same street.

This latest display of militancy has been criticized by the English press and suffrage organizations which do not approve of the methods used by the Women's Social and Political Union. A number of the organizations which are forwarding the movement have announced that they accept the Premier's statement as sincere, and that will make the battle for votes on the lines suggested by him.

All effort on the part of the Women under arrest to make political capital of their appearance in court was frowned upon by the presiding justice, who announced that all of the defendants would be treated like ordinary misdemeanants. Feeling that their martyrdom was failing flat, a number of the women elected to pay their fines rather than go to jail while those who preferred cells received little publicity out of their choice, as the London papers merely chronicled the sentences without stating the choice made.

The British public, although not disposed to violence, has had some experience of male outbreaks, fomented by sensational speeches, but it confesses itself puzzeled by disorder and property destruction, deliberately planned in advance in an advertised demonstration of protest, and this phase of the latest militant affair is being criticized.

Many Americans attended the demonstration and most of them seemed to enjoy the occasion hugely. Suffragettes and policemen vied with each other in extending courtesies, and this disposition made the charges of obstruction placed against some of the women rather ludicrous and had it not been for the window smashing, the number of arrests would have been small.

Much to the amusement of the bystanders, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, leader of the militants, flung herself against the uniformed bobby time after time, and it was only after she had slapped the face of one of the minions of the law that her arrest was ordered by a police inspector.

One determined Amazon, unable to persuade the police that she was of a riotous disposition in any other manner, sat down in the middle of a crowded sidewalk, and her bulk preventing easy removal, she was arrested on a charge of obstructing traffic.

**PEACE FOR HOLIDAYS.**

Warring Factions of San Antonio City Council Come to an Agreement.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 16.—With the passage of the November payroll by a unanimous vote of the city council the warring factions of this body will be at peace at least during the holiday season. The passage of the November payroll means that the city employees will have money for Christmas and that the members of the city fire department will not go on strike, as they had seriously threatened to do.

As for pay for work done on Zarzamora street, which was the bone of contention in that it was claimed by the insurgent aldermen that this work was unauthorized by the city council, mandamus proceedings will be resorted to compel the city council to vote an appropriation with which to pay the warrants issued for this work. This sum amounts to nearly \$900.

**SANTA AT SANTONE.**

Fifteen Hundred Dollars to be Raised for Christmas Cheer for Poor.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 16.—Between now and Christmas the sum of \$1,500 is to be raised by the Christmas Good Cheer Society, which is planning an undertaking whereby nobody in San Antonio is to be overlooked by Santa Claus no matter how humble he may be. The society with Mrs. A. W. Houston as president is now engaged in the work of raising funds for this treat for the poor.

With a benefit vaudeville matinee to be given at the Grand Opera house, in which the professional talent now playing in this city will take part, it is expected to bring the sum to be raised up to \$1,500. Committees are now at work arranging the details for the big Christmas treat.

## FRENCH AFFAIRS THE PAST WEEK

WAITERS OF PARIS WOULD OUST COMPETITORS.

Scientist Explains Fossils of Great Lakes—Observation Umbrellas Jeered from Street.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 16.—A vigorous campaign is being waged by the French hotel employees trade union against the invasion of hotels and restaurants in France by Germans and other foreign waiters.

A bill will be introduced in Parliament by M. Millerand, Minister of Public Works in the Briand cabinet, which, if adopted, will oblige hotel proprietors to employ Frenchmen to the number of eighty per cent. A tax which will be practically prohibitory will be imposed on employer and employee for every foreigner hired exceeding twenty per cent.

The union declares that there are between 600 and 700 French waiters seeking places in Paris today. Many of them speak three languages and a number have a knowledge of book-keeping, shorthand and typewriting. The point is that many, if not a majority, of the Paris hotels are conducted by Germans who will take only Germans on their staffs, it is alleged.

On the other hand, French waiters in Germany have a different sort of experience. The French union alleges that in Germany the Frenchman is pursued by the police, heavily taxed, and if he cannot find work, is immediately expelled from the country. The union in discussing with the British Waiters' Society a plan for the establishment of a Franco-British school for hotel employees in Paris and London. Languages would form a special feature of the training and situations would be found for all pupils when they had completed the course of instruction.

M. Cayeux, the paleontologist, has presented a paper to the Academy of Sciences relative to researches in the region of the Great Lakes of the United States and Canada. He concludes that the organic activity was very great at the Eryonian age in the region of the Great Lakes. Far from being composed of primitive matter, the fauna exhumed from the rocks showed an organism well advanced along the line of the invertebrates. The interest of the discovery lies in the fact that the Eryonian age is the most ancient found in studying what is known as the sedimentary lands of the planet Earth.

M. Xavier Raspail has suggested to the Academy of Sciences a means of checking the ravages of the beetle in agriculture which were so great in France in the last quarter of the nineteenth century that the damage has been estimated at several million dollars. In all parts a vigorous war of extermination was organized against this destructive insect, and many means were adopted for getting rid of it.

The plan offered by M. Raspail keeps in mind the fact that three years are necessary for the complete evolution of the beetle from the egg to the time when it emerges from the earth and becomes a perfect insect. Estimating the moment when the transition comes, M. Raspail proposes an organized search and destruction by plowing for the white worm, which is the form of the insect just before flight.

The scientist believes, however, that the beetle is gradually decreasing in France, though not in sufficient numbers to justify a cessation of the battle against it.

An unsuccessful attempt has been made in Paris to introduce an umbrella with mica windows made like the silk covering. One or two persons ventured on the boulevard with the innovation, but the jokers and laughter of the promenaders soon forced them to retire.

The idea originated with a Russian nobleman, Prince Poulatine. While walking one day with his tutor, the latter was attacked and severely bitten by a mad dog. The tutor died from the bite, and the prince was so deeply impressed by the tragedy that after he entertained a morbid fear of dogs. In order that he should be safe under all conditions of weather, he ordered an umbrella made with windows. The prince thus obtained a certain measure of celebrity in the capitals of Europe, but his idea, it seems, will not be adopted by the general public.

A long-desired innovation has been introduced into the regulations of the Salons des Artistes Francais. Hitherto the award of a second-class medal entitled its holder to have two pictures hung without going before the jury. As some score or more second-class medals are awarded every year, the number of artists whose compositions crowd the walls to the exclusion of

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